

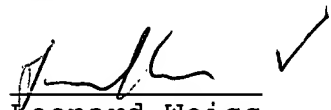
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Claims 1, 2, 7, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wright. Claims 1, 2 and 7 have been canceled, thereby obviating a portion of the rejection related to claims 1, 2 and 7. Claim 8 has been canceled and rewritten in independent form as newly added claim 13.

Included in Wright are "two spiral springs 20 and 21...These springs are under tension at all times, and exert their energy in aid of actuating the bed to its closed position..." (page 2, lines 22-28, underlining added). Unlike Wright, claim 13 calls for "a coil spring....[that is] relaxed when said frame is in said raised position and in tension when said frame is in said lowered position." Since the springs of Wright are always in tension and the springs of claim 13 are "relaxed when said frame is in said raised position", claim 13 is distinguishable from Wright whereby allowance of claim 12 over the ground of rejection is hereby requested.

Since claims 11-13 have been shown to be allowable, examination of claims 11-13 and an early allowance thereof is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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